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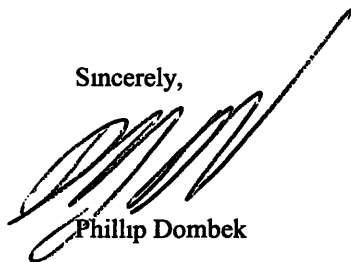
Attn: Delbert K. Rigsby, Esq.

Re: MUR 5057

Dear Mr. Rigsby:

As promised, enclosed please find the statement of my third client, Bill Huppert, in response to the inquiry being conducted by your agency.

Sincerely,



Phillip Dombek

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Attn: Joel J. Roessner

Re: MUR 5057 Statement of Bill Huppert

Dear Mr. Roessner:

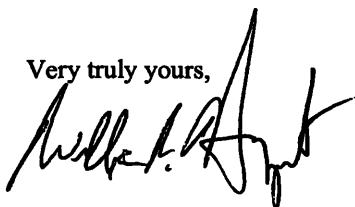
In response to the above referenced MUR alleging that I violated 2 U.S.C. §441f of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, I am providing this statement of my recollection of contributions made to the 1998 Dear for Congress, Inc. ("the Committee") election campaign.

My business activities include a focus in the New York City taxi and limousine industry. Mr. Dear had been one of the few local politicians who voiced support for the industry in opposition to proposals of more burdensome municipal regulation. Naturally, it has been in my own interest to support Mr. Dear's election campaigns and, in fact, I have been a supporter of Mr. Dear's since about 1993.

Since my income is heavily reliant on the taxi industry I have participated with some of my industry associates in gathering together contributions for key election campaigns. I believe this is exactly what happened in connection with my 1998 contribution to "the Committee". I was not the one charged with the responsibility for gathering the contributions. To the best of my recollection, I authorized a colleague to make a contribution in my name with the understanding that he would be reimbursed in the normal course of our dealings.

This concludes my statement. If you require anything further, please feel free to contact my attorney.

Very truly yours,



William B. Huppert
a/k/a Bill Huppert